

Weekly report for week ending September 19, 2014 (Superfund Division) – Detail

Hot Issues

None

Accomplishments

Meeting with Kalamazoo Mayor to Discuss Polychlorinated Biphenyl Treatment Technologies for the Allied Paper Landfill Portion of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, Michigan

Press Interest/Coverage: None

On September 18, 2014 EPA met with Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell, members of his staff, and representatives of Senator Carl Levin and Congressman Fred Upton to discuss treatment technologies for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the Allied Paper Landfill in Michigan. Mayor Hopewell had requested such a meeting in a July 25, 2014 letter to EPA. Subject-matter experts from EPA headquarters and the Office of Research and Development presented a comprehensive summary of all potential PCB treatment technologies, the current state of research on the treatment of PCBs, and the potential applicability of each treatment technology to the Allied Paper Landfill. The Mayor and his staff were actively engaged during the meeting. On September 19, 2014 several of the meeting participants, including the Mayor, will be visiting a facility in southwestern Michigan to learn more about another emerging treatment technology for PCBs.

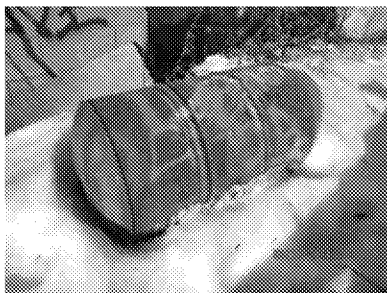
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Removal Action To Be Initiated at the Former Wisconsin Die Cast Facility Site, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Press Interest/Coverage: None

On September 22, 2014 EPA will mobilize to initiate a time-critical removal action at the Former Wisconsin Die Cast Facility Site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The site is a former metals die casting facility and warehouse located in a mixed commercial and residential area. The building was abandoned in 2008, with asbestos-containing debris and PCB contamination left behind. Since 2008, the site has been subject to pervasive trespassing, vandalism, and scavenging, resulting in on-site releases of asbestos, PCBs, and used oil. It is anticipated that approximately 400 tons of PCB-contaminated soils and asbestos-contaminated debris will be removed during the cleanup, which is expected to take approximately six weeks to complete.

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